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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	William Jung	3737	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 February 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Takahashi et al* (US 4,916,534).

Takahashi et al anticipate all claimed features in claims 1- 20.

Claims 1, 11, and 13: Takahashi et al disclose an optical system where the system is an endoscopic optical imaging system having first and second ends, the probe consisting a GRIN lens 40 configured to carry illumination light over at least a distance as long as the length of the probe, the first end positioned to receive the illumination light from the first optical aperture, and a detector configured to measure emitted light characteristic from the first end in response to multi-photon absorption events produced by the illumination light and producing an output signal for a multi-photon image (col. 2, lines 6-19; col. 3, lines 16-20; col. 9, lines 47-65; col. 10, lines 25-42).

Claims 2 and 3: Takahashi et al disclose further where the GRIN lens is coupled to a prism 9 with pitch length about the length of the lens (col. 4, lines 31-46).

Claims 4-8, 12, and 16: Takahashi et al disclose a relay GRIN lens and an objective GRIN lens connected serially (col. 9, lines 47-65).

Claims 9, 10, 14, 15, and 17-20: Takahashi et al disclose measuring if intensity and or phase of the emitted response received from the light emitted region. In addition, Takahashi et al disclose that the light source may be pulses of laser light (col. 8, line 43-col. 10 line 24).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

MacAulay et al (US 6,663,560 B2), *Ravkin* (US 6,169,816 B1), and *DeBaryshe et al* (US 5,713,364)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William Jung whose telephone number is 703-605-4364. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on 703-308-5181. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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